ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 20. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent. (Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### **RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**

Absolute Rating Improvement Rating

**2001** Good Below Average

2002 2003

2004

## TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

		Our School			chools W ents Like	
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
Passed all 3 subtests	67.6	60.9	61.4	55.1	50.7	58.6
Passed 2 subtests	15.9	15.7	17.0	21.1	22.6	20.4
Passed 1 subtest	12.1	15.2	9.1	14.5	15.9	12.4
Passed no subtests	4.3	8.1	12.5	9.2	10.8	8.6

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	13.5%	10.0%
at four-year institutions		
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	14.7%	10.7%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	47.6%	42.8%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUD			
	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage	Eligibility for	Graduation
Student Group	Rate by Spring 2001	LIFE Scholarships	Rate
All students	94.8%	13.5%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	62.5%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	96.1%	14.2%	
Gender			
Male	92.0%	13.7%	
Female	97.0%	13.4%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	93.0%	6.5%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	98.3%	32.6%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	91.7%	6.3%	
Pay for lunch	98.7%	22.7%	

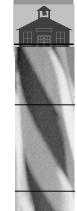
STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES		
Mastering core competencies	42.5%	
Completers placed	N/A	
Eligible students enrolled	50.7%	

# SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Ou	ır School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL	ii Ociiooi	Last rear	Like Ours	OCHOOL
Dollars spent per student	\$5,291	N/A	\$5,781	\$5,668
Prime instructional time	94.4%	Up from 94.0%	88.9%	90.1%
Student-teacher ratio	25.0 to 1	N/A	24.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=958)				
Advanced Placement/	58.7%	N/A	8.6%	40.0%
Int'l Baccalaureate Program				
Exam Success Ratio				
Attendance rate	100.0%	Up from 98.1%	95.1%	95.3%
Retention rate	14.5%	Up from 11.6%	12.2%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=51)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development</li> </ul>	7.6 Days	Up from 6.4	8.2 Days	7.5 Days
days per teacher				
Attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 96.69		95.7%
Teachers with	56.9%	Up from 51.0%	41.9%	49.4%
advanced degrees				2 / 22/
Continuing	82.4%	Down from 84.39	% 73.8%	81.0%
contract teachers				
Teachers with	5.9%	Up from 0.0%	4.0%	3.0%
out-of-field permits	00.00/	Davin fram 05 70	00.00/	05.00/
Teachers returning	83.8%	Down from 85.79	% 83.3%	85.2%
from the previous				
school year	<b>605.000</b>	LI- 5 00/	<b>COC OOO</b>	C20 405
<ul> <li>Average teacher salary</li> </ul>	\$35,628	Up 5.0%	\$36,902	\$38,125

### **SCHOOL FACTS**

Our S	School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
Dropout rate	1.6%	Up from 0.7%	2.5%	2.9%
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	48.8%	N/A	54.7%	56.4%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	4.0	N/A	2.5	3.0
Percent of parents attending conferences	79.8%	N/A	64.9%	60.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
<ul> <li>Older than usual for grade</li> </ul>	18.4%	Down from 19.5%	12.8%	10.1%
<ul> <li>Suspended or expelled</li> </ul>	31	N/A	35	29
<ul> <li>Gifted and talented</li> </ul>	8.1%	Down from 12.5%	4.9%	7.4%
With disabilities     other than speech	10.3%	Up from 8.4%	12.4%	10.7%
<ul> <li>Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations</li> </ul>	0.8%	N/A	6.7%	4.5%
<ul> <li>Enrollment in career and technology center courses</li> </ul>	486	N/A	232	350
Career students participating in work-based experiences	10.1%	N/A	22.8%	23.1%





# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

At Marion High School excellence is a tradition. We were successful again this year in our efforts to prepare our students for success in an ever changing society. Our school supports its students by providing an array of programs both curricular and extra curricular in a safe and nurturing environment. We are proud to have:

- 94 of 194 seniors entering higher education after graduation
- 81 potential Life Scholarship recipients
- 27 seniors received the MHS Diploma of Excellence (29 units, B average)
- 25 seniors with > 1050 SAT/PSAT 23 seniors with a 3.0 and >1050 SAT/PSAT
- 51 percent of graduates took PSAT/SAT
- 44 students with >1100 PSAT/SAT
- 100 percent pass rate on Biology AP Exam
- Highest SAT score in our region at the State SAT Competition
- 3 teachers with National Board Certification
- A state award winning school newsletter (Fox Prints)
- 463 students had no discipline referrals
- 99 percent of seniors passed all portions of Exit Exam
- 7 consecutive years of "Honor with Distinction" rating for ROTC
- 10 students and 4 alternates accepted in Governor's School programs
- Academic assistance programs: Homework Center and tutoring
- Advancements in Technology: Internet, Power Point, broadcast studio, two-way interactive and one-way video/two-way audio distance learning, keyboarding, writing and EDL labs, digital cameras, CD writers, DVD players, an applied magic video editing system, Kurzweil Scan Read and Speech Recognition Programs, screen interactive computers, and continuous technology staff development

We will continue to improve our test scores, attendance, drop out rate, and character development. These improvements will be achieved through our curriculum initiatives such as Learning-Focused Schools and the Coastal Rural Systemic Initiative. We recognize that education is the responsibility of the entire community and seek your support to reinforce our efforts. Alfred McFadden

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	80.5	69.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.2	80.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	39.0	85.5	

#### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

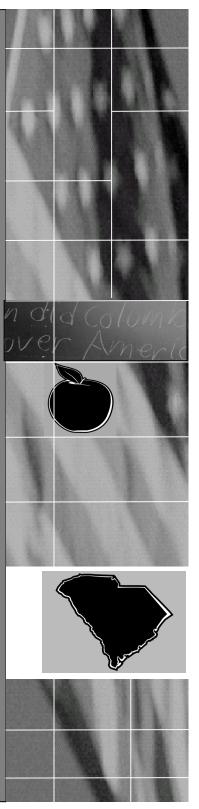
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.





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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 958 Students



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# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Annual School	2001
Report Card	2001

School Grade: Good

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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